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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

Please enter the following amendment to the "Related Application" section at page 2:

This is a continuation-in-part application claiming priority from application Serial No. 09/493,466 which is a divisional of prior U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/531,363 filed 20 September 1995 of Borst et al. entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TEMPORARILY IMMOBILIZING A LOCAL AREA OF TISSUE now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,311.

REMARKS

The amendments requested above correct minor informalities. A marked up copy of the amendment is attached hereto.

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